

REMARKS

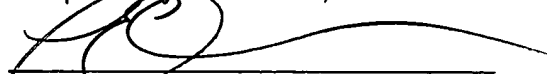
Claim 63 has been amended to incorporate claim 73. Claim 74 has been amended to incorporate claims 78 and 83. Other claims have been cancelled, without prejudice to their further prosecution in a continuation or divisional application. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 63-69, 72, 74-77, 79, 80, 82, and 95-139, are present and active in the application.

The rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph and under 35 U.S.C. § 102 have been obviated by appropriate amendment. Claim 73 has been incorporated into independent claim 63. Claims 78 and 83 have been incorporated into claim 74. Withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of the claims under the judicially created double patenting has been obviated by the filing of a terminal disclaimer pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.321(c). Attached is a signed terminal disclaimer with respect to commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,706,474 B1.

All of the grounds raised in the present Office Action for rejecting the application are believed to be overcome or rendered moot based on the remarks above. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently presented claims are in form for allowance, and such action is requested. Should the Examiner feel a discussion would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 876-1400.

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